

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Edward J. KUEBERT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3628
Application No.: 09/976,039) Examiner: Fadey S. Jabr
Filed: October 15, 2001) Confirmation No.: 1583
For: FLEXIBLE MAIL DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD))
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450	

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

DECLARATION OF EDWARD J. KUEBERT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

- I, Edward J. Kuebert, state that I am one of the named Applicants of the aboveidentified application and am one of the co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed therein. Prior to September 28, 2000, Scott R. Bombaugh, William J. Dowling and I had completed in this country the invention as described and claimed in the above-identified application as evidenced by the following:
 - 1. Prior to September 28, 2000, we conceived the invention of this patent application. This is evidenced by at least the laboratory pages from my notebook, dated prior to September 28, 2000, attached as Exhibit A.
 - 2. Prior to September 28, 2000, we described the invention to the in-house patent counsel at our employer, United States Postal Service ("USPS"). On a date prior to September 28, 2000, Ms. Linda Paine-Powell, who was an USPS in-house counsel, requested that attorneys at Finnegan,

- Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P. ("FHFGD"), prepare this patent application. The e-mail from Ms. Linda Paine-Powell dated prior to September 28, 2000, is provided as Exhibit B.
- 3. On or before September 1, 2000, we met with attorneys from FHFGD including William J. Brogan, Esq., to discuss details of the patent application. The meeting transcript and the provisional application cover sheet created for this application are shown in two screen shots of Mr. Brogan's network directories attached in Exhibit C. As shown in Exhibit C, the transcript and the provisional application cover sheet documents both bear a date of September 1, 2000.
- 4. For the period of September 27, 2000 through October 13, 2000, the attorneys prepared the patent application. The billing records of William J. Brogan, Esq. for the period of September 27, 2000 through October 13, 2000 are provided in Exhibit D.
- 5. The provisional U.S. Application No. 60/239,926, entitled "Flexible Parcel Delivery System and Method" was filed on October 13, 2000. The filing receipt is provided in Exhibit E.
- This patent application claims the priority of U.S. Application
 No. 60/239,926.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section

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1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

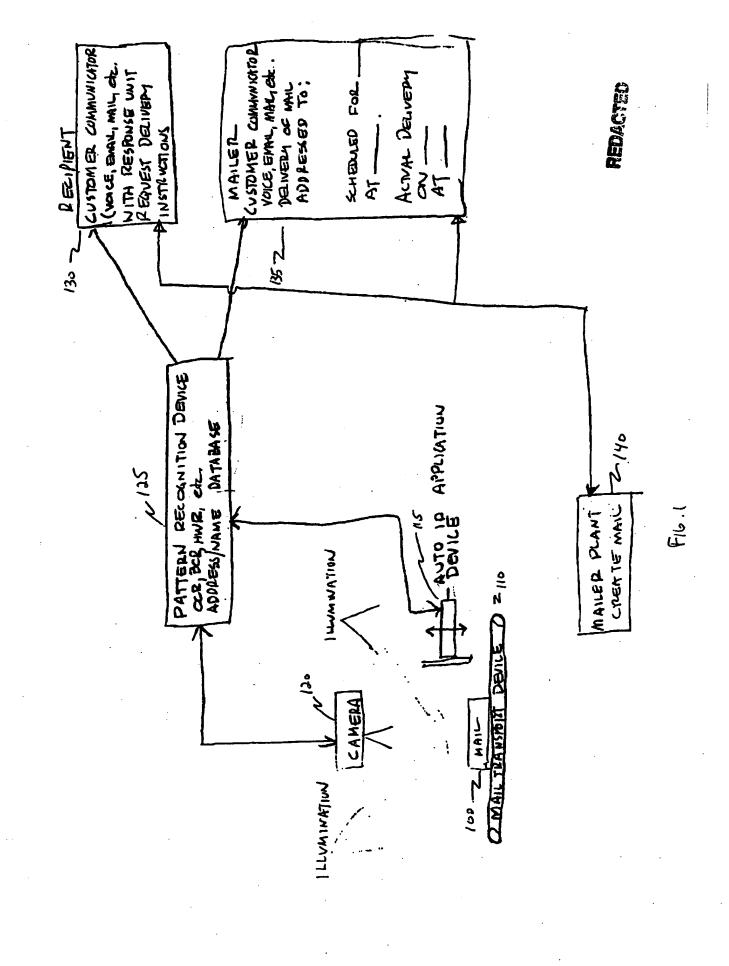
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Edward J. Kuebert

Inventor's Signature

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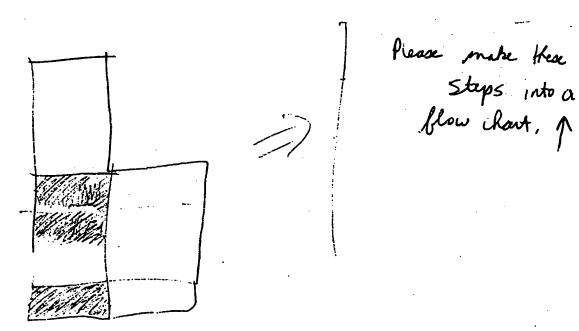
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Exhibit B

From:

LINDA PAINE-POWELL < LPAINEP@email.usps.gov>

To:

"erika arner" <erika.arner@finnegan.com>

Date:

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Subject:

ention by Dowling, Kuebert, etc.

I would like to attend the first meeting.

You probably have already received Ed's email re:

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scheduling, please respond to that email.

This can be included in teh invention sweep.

I am still waiting for VP Dowling to send me a list of Merrifield engineers to contact—if we don't hear from him soon, like by Monday, we should go ahead and contact Larry Elyea and J.Weller. Can you make a note to check with me on this next Monday or so?

Reply Separator

Subject: Re: Invention by Dowling, Kuebert, etc. Author: erika.amer@finnegan.com at INTERNET

Date:

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Dear Linda,

Thank you for the information on the USPS "System for Capturing and Processing Package Address Data." We assume that you wish for us to include this project in the USPS Invention Sweep on a high priority basis. [However, if you wish to make it a special matter, please let us know.]

Would you like us to contact Ed Kuebert directly to set up a meeting with him and the other inventors for sometime next week (or would you rather coordinate the first meeting from your office)? Also, note that, except for the ICS matter, this will be our first Invention Sweep contact with the Engineering department, in case you would like to attend the first meeting.

Please let us know how you wish us to proceed.

Regards, Erika

>>> LINDA PAINE-POWELL <LPAINEP@email.usps.gov>

6PM >>>

This relates to the email I forwarded a moment ago titled Inventionby Dowling, Kuebert, etc.

Dowling is VP of Engineering and appears to be an inventor.

We need to move on this quickly and with your usual expertise and professionalism to the max!

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We also need to show VP Dowling how little the patent process interfers with his staff's work and over time to show him how valuable it is—how worth the money, even when using other companies to develop USPS inventive ideas.

Also, just quickly, the Eng. dept. may be one of the hardest to convert away from the practice of freely disclosing ideas to the practice of protecting ideas—cost and interference with the conduct of business and with using others to develop USPS ideas seem to be the main concerns.

I have one email mroe to forward to you on this.

Subject: Re: URGENT-USPS ideas-e-commerce related
Author: William J. Dowling at ERD-SWD
Date:

I want a provisional on capturing address data during package creation and distribution, then moving that info forward, linking with the customer thru internet to determine delivery preferences. I suspect there is IP down already, this is one way to find out. If not it might give us a license fee from our competitiors.

I'll discuss with Ed andScott if you'll help us write it up.

Subject: URGENT--USPS ideas--e-commerce related
Author: LINDA S PAINE-POWELL at WADC027L
Date:

On a fast track, using funding provided by Pete Jacobson, USPS attorneys are meeting with USPS employees to "capture" their inventive ideas into provisional patent applications. This is a significant step towards protecting USPS ideas, but one that should not hinder the progress of business or operations.

The focus is e-commerce and any systems that support, connect with, or use e-commerce services.

A provisional patent application is akin to a draft application. It must disclose the inventive idea and its reduction to practice, but does not need a formal specification and claims. Thus, it is quick to prepare and file.

Our process for capturing inventive ideas into provisional applications uses a minimum of the employee's time—usually just two meetings with the attorney and review of the completed provisional application.

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With a provisional application on file, your staff can disclose the idea outside of USPS, if needed, knowing that the protection is in place. (If the idea is particularly valuable, it would be prudent to consider entering into an NDA, in addition to relying upon the provisional.)

USPS will have a year after the provisional applications are filed to formalize them into non-provisional/standard patent applications.

To meet our goal of filing the provisionals before the Postal Forum, we need to meet with your staff this week, if possible, or if not, then next week.

Unless we hear to the contrary from you, we plan to get the process started by contacting individuals on your staff that we have met with previously on other patent matters, such as Ed Kuebert and Larry Elyea. Please let us know who else we should contact and whether you would like a meeting with us about this.

---- Forwarded with Changes ----

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*cc: Scott R Bombaugh at VAENGSPI *cc: Edward J. Kuebert at MEVA008L

Subject: Re: URGENT--USPS ideas--e-commerce related

CC: "lionel.lavenue" lonel.lavenue@finnegan.com>, "robert.converse" <robert.converse@finnegan.com>

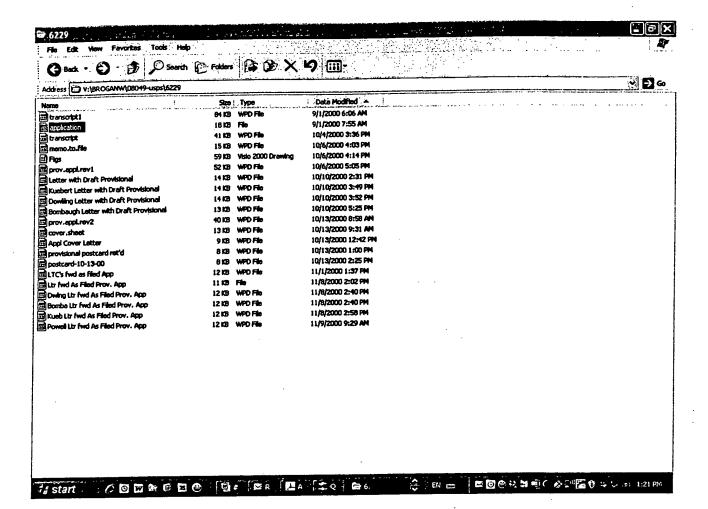
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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION COVER SHEET

This is a request for filing a PROVISIONAL APPLICATION under 37 CFR 1.53(c).

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